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SUBJECT: COPYRIGHT - APRIL 3 MEETING WITH U.S. PUBLISHERS
REGARDING PD 400

REF: MANILA 3605

1. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS FROM PHL AND EB/CBA/BP MET WITH LEO ALBERT, PRESIDENT, PRENTICE -HALL INTERNATIONAL, WALTER WULFF, VICE-PRESIDENT MARKETING, MCGRAW-HILL CO., INC., AND JON BAUMGARTEN, ATTORNEY, LINDEN & DEUTSCH (REPRESENTS MACMILLAN AND OTHER LARGE U.S. PUBLISHERS) TO DISCUSS RECENT ALBERT TRIP REPORTED IN REFTEL AND POSSIBLE FUTURE STEPS TO ENSURE PROMULGATION PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 400.

2. ALBERT EXPLAINED SAME POINTS OUTLINED REFTEL ADDING THAT SICAT OBJECTS TO ROYALTY LEVEL BASED ON U.S. LIST PRICE AND SINGLE LICENSEE CONCEPT WHICH SICAT CONSIDERS MONOPOLISTIC. ALL U.S. PUBLISHERS AT MEETINGS STRESSED PRIMARY IMPORTANCE OF SAFEGUARDING PRINCIPLE OF COPYRIGHT AND PROMULGATION OF PD 400 AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME.

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3. ALBERT SUGGESTED THAT IN CONSIDERATION OF SUSAN WAGNER ARTICLE (SEE DEPT. 60438) AND SICAT OPPOSITION TO PD 400, EMBASSY SHOULD MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH PRENTICE-HALL REPRESENTATIVE TONY ESPOSO. ALBERT EXPLAINED ESPOSO VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE OF SITUATION, HAS HIGHEST LEVEL CONTACTS

WITHIN GOP AND WOULD HAVE LATEST INFORMATION REGARDING ANY DEVELOPMENTS PD 400. OTHER PUBLISHER REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRED WITH THIS SUGGESTION.

4. ALBERT EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO RETURN TO MANILA IF PD 400 APPEARS TO BE DEFINITELY SIDE-TRACKED OR IF SUCH VISIT MIGHT RESULT IN PROMULGATION PD 400.

5. DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES, OF COURSE, EXPRESSED OUR CONTINUING CONCERN ABOUT THIS PROBLEM AND AGREED TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH ALBERT ABOUT ANY IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) EMBASSY SHOULD FOLLOW CLOSELY ANY ACTION TAKEN RE PD 400 OR OTHER MEASURES AFFECTING PHILIPPINE COPYRIGHT LAW AND REPORT URGENTLY ON ANY DEVELOPMENTS. (B) EMBASSY ADVISE REGARDING DESIRABILITY OF ANOTHER TRIP TO MANILA BY ALBERT TO ASSIST IN PROMULGATION PD 400. PLEASE REPLY ATTN: EB/CBA/BP. KISSINGER

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